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## Building Trades Bosses Plan Use of Apprentices as a Tool to Kill Organized Labor Control in Trade

By MAX SHACHTMAN.

CHICAGO The increasing attention being paid to the instruction and control of apprentices by the employers in the building trades is held here to denote a new phase of the attempts of the big building contractors to weaken the strength of the building trades unions by having a supply of trained workers who will be turned out by apprenticeship schools maintained and controlled by the bosses.

E. L. Bowman, educational director of the National Trade Extension Bureau, Plumbing and Heating Industries, declares that "the present condition, if carried far enough, will bring wages of plumbers to such a high point that the public will cease to buy standard plumbing, and will either dispense with it or will buy the cheap goods furnished by the mail order houses and will have them installed by a common pipefitter without the advantages of sanitary skill."

Neither Mr. Bowman nor the employers he represents care one snap about the "public" but are only interested in keeping down the wages of the workers so that the profits may be increased. That they are going about this in organized, mass fashion can be seen from the plan drawn up for the educational director of the bosses. The director is charged with the instruction and training of the apprentices all over the country. The plan contemplates three months pre-employment training in the public vocational schools before the apprentices are put to work. During the second and third years, the apprentice is obliged to attend public evening school not less than 100 hours a year. It is understood that a very capable craftsman can be turned out in that course of time, one who will be able to be placed in competition with the organized trades unionists in that industry.

The Association Tile Manufacturers also have a national apprentice system in effect and it is estimated that hundreds have been taken into the trade in the last year. The brick manufacturers and mason contractors are now sponsoring a nationwide bricklaying training plan under the leadership of a national director.

Reports from scores of cities indicate that there is a widespread effort to provide training for young workers who are to enter the building crafts.

In New York, Miss Mary K. Coleman, executive secretary of the New York building congress apprenticeship commission, reports that the board of education is co-operating with them to the utmost and has set aside \$20,000 for the current fiscal year to be used for teachers' salaries. "Working boys, who are forced out of school, are enabled to round out their education and at the same time are paid by the employer during the first year of their apprenticeship one-half the hourly rate for the number of hours spent in the school. The program is a sound, practical one and there is no doubt that it will be successful."

Reports of the industrial relations committee of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce and experience in Chicago and San Francisco with apprentices shows the number of apprentices far exceeds the capacity to train them. It is significant that both in Chicago and San Francisco the building trades unions are being split and broken by the contractors, in Chicago by the Laidlaw award and in the coast city by the activities of the open shoppers of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association.

The situation in the building trades is typical of all the other industries in which young workers are being employed more and more. The organized workers must take into consideration the growth of the youth factor in their industrial life and

## White Dictator of Germany, Suppresses League and Party in an Attempt to Halt Coming Revolt

(Special to "The Young Worker.")

BERLIN.—The white General Seekt, tool of the high treason firm of Stinnes, Kloeckner, Wolf & Co., has carried thru the orders of his employers and ordered the disbandment of both the Communist Party and the Young Communist League of Germany.

The situation in Germany has reached such a tense stage that the reactionaries will stop at nothing to remove the only danger to their existence, the organized Communists. The Communist Party has been growing by leaps and bounds and carried with it the sympathy of the majority of the workers of Germany. The Young Communist League has also become a powerful force among the youth of the demoralized and starving nation, its influence and membership among the young workers, intellectuals and students, having increased almost fourfold. The attempted suppression is an admission of the fears felt by the German Stinnes of the impending revolution, which will unseat them from power.

In a manifesto, signed by the executive committee of the Young Communist International (to which the Young Workers League of America is fraternally affiliated) and the Young Communist Leagues of Russia, France and England, the young workers, farmers and soldiers of the whole world and the working class youth of Germany are called upon to support with all their power the prohibited Young Communist League of Germany in their struggle against Fascism and for the taking over of the industries and government of Germany, and to protest against the suppression of the league by the white terrorist general, von Seekt.

## Children Starving in Gary Because of Low Workers' Wages

WASHINGTON.—Astounding percentages of under-nourishment and physical defects were found in a group of 6,015 young children of Gary, Indiana, according to an official report just released by the Children's Bureau of the United States Department of Labor.

The results of the study, called "Children of Pre-school Age in Gary," show that only 25 per cent of the children examined, less than half of one per cent, were not fortunate enough to have the so-called A diet, which calls for the most elementary foods necessary for children, such as milk, whole cereal and fruit or vegetable daily, an inexpensive diet.

Only eight and one half per cent of the children had even a B diet, which is even less than the minimum foods in A, three times that many had a C diet, while nearly two thirds of the entire group are forced to live on a D diet, which is inconceivably insufficient. This is not all, for over 2 per cent of the children live on the absolutely starving diet E, 5 times more than those having the A diet.

"Milk is not the only desirable food which was little used," the report states, "since vegetables, fruits, cereals and eggs were likewise conspicuously lacking. The extreme poverty of the diets is further shown by the fact that nearly half (45.5 per cent) of them lacked as many as four of the foods usually included in a child's diet."

Of the children examined, physically, only 4.8 per cent showed no defects at all. Most of the others had decayed teeth or bone defects due to an insufficient diet.

The children under examination are all children of workers, of course, and it is significant to note that child mortality in Gary is in the direct proportion to the wages received by the workers. Gary has the highest child death rate in the country and among the lowest paid any particular section of workers, the higher the percentage of children that die, the overwhelming majority of them because of lack of medical care and under-nourishment.

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## Workers Party Calls Hughes' on Soviet Note

CHICAGO.—In a statement issued today, the central executive committee of the Workers Party of America charges that the Coolidge administration deliberately faked the letter issued by the Secretary of State Hughes in his campaign against the recognition of Soviet Russia, which was from Gregory Zinoviev, chairman of the Communist International, to the Workers Party, calling upon it to begin shooting practice and to prepare for the taking over of the government at Washington.

The faked letter issued by Hughes contains so many obvious lies that many of the capitalist kept newspapers did not take it seriously. Chicherin, foreign minister of the Soviet Republic, denied the story contained in the faked letter and demanded an international board of arbitration to go over the authenticity of the letter. This offer was refused by Hughes, who knows that any impartial commission would immediately see thru the frame up.

The statement of the Workers Party just charges that the whole affair is an attempt to halt the campaign for recognition of Soviet Russia, which is being carried into the senate and the congress by such legislators as Frank, Borah, Norris, Laidlaw, LaFollette and numerous others.

The Communist statement says: "We publicly accuse the department of state and the department of justice with having forged this letter to mislead the people of the United States. We demand an immediate and thorough investigation of the origin of this letter, and of those responsible for its circulation."

Hughes has not answered the charges yet and there is little chance that he will. Knowing very well that his attempt to discredit the Soviet government and the Communists in this country will not be received with the same belief that it might have had three years ago, he remains directly silent, thus confessing himself and the administration he represents as cowardly, craven forgers.

## Young Workers Leagues Celebrates International Liebknecht Day All Over Country on January 20th

The Young Workers League of America, the organization of the young Communists in this country, is to celebrate International Liebknecht Day by demonstrations all over the country on January 20, 1924.

The demonstrations are to be held in commemoration of the brutal murder of Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg by the reactionaries and the social democrats of Germany on January 15, 1915. Similar demonstrations will be held in all parts of the world under the central direction of Young Communist International and its national sections, the Young Communist League of each country.

The demonstrations are under the leadership of the young communist organizations, because of Liebknecht's untiring efforts in their behalf, both within and without socialist ranks. Liebknecht did all in his power to help in the formation of the Young Socialist League of Germany, and it was largely thru his propaganda that the Young Socialist International was founded in 1907.

One of his most important works was still "Militarism and Anti-Militarism," written from a series of lectures on the subject given before one of the youth leagues. The book caused a great stir in Germany and was ordered suppressed and the plates destroyed. He was tried and sent to prison but this did not halt him from his work. He was elected first to the Prussian state legislature and then to the national Reichstag, where he continued to do his daily propaganda work in the very face of the representatives of capitalism.

He was an uncompromising fighter, even when necessary, against the members of his own party. When war was declared, he broke with the majority of social democrats, who voted to support the voting of war credits, and stood alone in the Reichstag against supporting the imperialist war of Wilhelm II.

On May 1, 1918, Liebknecht made a May Day speech in Berlin, in which he called upon the workers to rise against the war and those who had caused it. His speech was considered so dangerous that he was arrested on a charge of high treason, for which he was sentenced to 20 months of hard labor imprisonment, a sentence which was changed by the military court to four years and one month and the loss of civil rights for six months.

When the Kaiser's power was overthrown, Liebknecht was released from jail and received with great ovations by the workers wherever he came. Liebknecht immediately began to criticize the social democrats, who, he saw, were compromising more and more with the capitalists and betraying the workers who had put their trust in them. He, together with the leaders of the communists organized in the Spartacus Bund, Rosa Luxemburg, Leo Jogiches, Franz Mehring and others, led a revolt against the traitorous socialist government at the beginning of the year 1919.

The uprising was crushed by the troops of the despicable social democrat, Gustav Noske, together with his colleagues in betrayal, Thilo Schiedemann and Fritz Ebert, now president of the German government. Liebknecht was arrested and shot from behind by the henchmen of the Socialists on January 15, 1919. Rosa Luxemburg was beaten to death by the same foul gang of brutes, and her body thrown into a canal. Jogiches was murdered in prison in March of the same year and Franz Mehring died of a broken heart. Clara Zetkin, famous woman communist leader of Germany and in the Communist International, is the only outstanding leader of the early German communist movement of after the war who still lives.

Vel Demands Bonus Be Paid

From Swollen War Profits  
HOPKINS, Minn.—A demand that the bonus to ex-service men be paid by an increase on the estate of big incomes was urged by Emil E. Holmes, former secretary of the World War Veterans, who spoke here today. "Secretary of the Treasury Mellon and his millionaire friends are rich enough to pay the bonus out of their big incomes," said Holmes, "but they would like to see it paid by a sales tax instead. A sales tax bonus means a bonus paid by the veterans themselves and their dependents. If Congress passes a sales tax bonus instead of a surtax bonus we don't want it. It is kidding the service men into paying the bonus themselves." It is well to note that the strongest fighters against giving the ex-soldiers a bonus are those that made millions of dollars of profit sitting at home during the war which killed thousands of young workers who had been dragged in to protect the profits and investments of the bosses of this country.

## Delegates From Coast to Coast Arrive for Communist Conclave

CHICAGO.—As we go to press, the third national convention of the Workers Party of America is being opened at Imperial Hall. Delegates from all parts of the country are coming to attend one of the most important Communist conferences that have yet been held in this country. The most active comrades in the Communist movement in America are here and they will decide the policy of the Workers Party for the coming year on such questions as the reorganization of the party on an industrial or shop nucleus basis, the policy of the party on the united front and with the labor party movement, the aim of the future central executive committee, relations of the party to the Young Workers League, and numerous other vital questions. The Young Workers League, being under the political leadership of the Workers Party, and tied to it by many close bonds, will have delegates to the party convention as usual. The delegates of the Young Workers League to the convention of the Workers Party are Martin Abern, secretary of the league, John Edwards and John Williamson.

A complete and detailed report of the work and decisions of the convention will be printed in the next issue of The Young Worker.

## Is the Government Arming for War?

By HARRY GANNES.

Plans to increase the military strength of the United States are becoming more evident every day.

Among the bigger things we find that the general staff of the United States War Department has prepared tentative plans for the mobilization of about 400,000 officers and men at their home stations during these months. This is the first step in the National Defense Act. On the other hand, Secretary of Navy Denby is demanding more aircraft in order that the navy should be "in a position to assert itself in the air." Then there is the proposed merger by President Coolidge of the army and navy in order to make the combined military unit a more efficient fighting machine.

On the other hand, there is the increase in the activities of the National Security League, America's foremost pro-militarist organization, and the national campaign for military training that is evidenced in part by the "Chicago Daily News," which is co-operating with high school military organizations to better the military training of the youth.

In a leaflet being circulated by the National Security League it declares: "We are acting with the leaders in the public schools to improve patriotic education of the youth of the land and among adults, both native and foreign-born."

This organization is working in close cooperation with the Young Men's Christian Association, the Young Men's Hebrew Association, and other organizations that have a large youth membership.

Gen. William Lassiter, of the United States Army, is working in co-operation with the National Security League in its campaign to increase the military training of the youth in the United States. Pointing out the dangerous effect of the extreme exploitation of the youth is having on the available fit military forces in case of war, Gen. Lassiter says:

"About half the children drop out of school before the end of the seventh grade. . . . Thus, half of our population is an easy prey to much of the subversive propaganda that

### AIR FORCES OF LEADING CAPITALIST COUNTRIES

	Planes	Men
France	1,250	33,000
United States	800	13,000
Great Britain	600	30,000

(All these countries have hundreds of planes under construction, especially France, which, within a short time, will have 2,100 planes.)

### Air Force Expenditures

	In Millions
Great Britain	\$54
France	33
United States	30

(The figures are taken from the 1923 budgets for supplies. The French budget is secret, or un-reliable.)

is being pushed so vigorously by numerous radical organizations bent upon economic, social and political upheaval."

Though with an enrollment of

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## U. S. Marines Terrorize Fighters For Haiti Independent Movement

NEW YORK CITY.—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has just been informed by Joseph Mirault, nationalist leader of Haiti, who has arrived here, of the outrages committed by American troops who have been forced upon the Haitian people to serve as the protectors of the financial and industrial interests of the big bankers and business men of America, who are trying to enslave the country.

The troops are there to protect directly the sugar interests of the firm of Brown Brothers, part of the Drexel concern of bankers in Philadelphia, which is part of the Pennsylvania railroad interests dominated by the Rockefeller financial group. The attempt to gain control of the customs of Haiti, the revolution which was initiated and carried thru with the help of American military forces in order to force a loan upon Haiti, was exposed last year and furnished conclusive proof of the real purpose behind the American occupation of the island.

Mr. Mirault tells that such prominent advocates of Haitian independence from the claws of American imperialism as the Jobibons brothers, Elie Gurin, Antoine Pierre-Paul, and George Petit have been put in jail by the United States army of occupation. All cable communications with the United States have been prevented and a strict censorship is maintained over all outgoing mail.

This copy should be read by ten young workers.

African Young Communists Oppose War.

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa.—In a leaflet published in English and Dutch by the Young Communist League of South Africa, the young workers of that country are called upon to refuse to register their names for the defense force in 1924. The real purpose of the defense force as an instrument of suppression in the interest of British imperialism is shown and Jan Smuts is exposed as the tool of the British Empire. The young workers are urged to support a united front of workers and farmers and oppose capitalist wars and armies.

Join the Young Workers League today; rule tomorrow!

## League Grows From Atlantic to Pacific

In the last couple of days new branches of the Young Workers League of America have been organized in places so wide apart as California and Rhode Island, Pennsylvania and Detroit.

Branches have been organized in Oakland, Calif., branch and shop nucleus in Providence, R. I., five new branches in Detroit and suburbs, and branches in Johnston City, Ill., West Frankfort, Ill., Christopher, Ill., all mining towns, a Jewish branch in Duluth, Minn., a branch in Madison, Wisc., which is working in and out of the university, and a branch in Houston, Penna., which is growing by leaps and bounds and the members of which have great influence among the workers in the trades unions, many of them being officials.

The Young Workers' League is growing by leaps and bounds all over the country. Are you in it yet? If not, get in NOW!

Stand by your class and fight till we win!







## How Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg Were Murdered.

During the search of a house in Wilmsdorf on January 15th, 1919, Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg were discovered and arrested at 9:30 in the evening by citizen's guards and without any order of arrest existing against them, they were conducted to the Eden Hotel, the headquarters of the Garde Kavallerie Schutzens Division (Horse Guards).

According to an official statement issued on January 16th, Liebknecht was "shot whilst attempting to escape," and Rosa Luxemburg was lynched by a large mob. "The officers entrusted with their transport were not guilty." From statements made at the trial, however, the murders took place in the following way:

The courtyard before the hotel was completely empty but for a few troopers of the Horse Guards who stood around. Karl Liebknecht was taken from the hotel to a waiting automobile. Trooper Runge of the Horse Guards immediately struck him twice on the back of the head with a rifle butt. Liebknecht sank down, half unconscious. The officers stood around and made no attempt to prevent the blows. The escort consisted of officers Stiege, Liepmann, von Rietgen, Schults, Helms von Pfugk-Hartung and Horst von Pfugk-Hartung and a trooper, Clemens Friedrich, all heavily armed.

The automobile moved off with Liebknecht and his guards, but instead of proceeding directly to Moabit (the prison) it went along the Neue See in the direction of the Charlottenburger Chaussee. At a point where a completely dark footpath led the way into the depths of the Tiergarten, the automobile was stopped, allegedly by a defect, and Liebknecht, who was still very weak from the blows in his head was asked whether he felt strong enough to walk. He was supported by two men, one on the right hand and the other on the left. Two men walked before him and two behind, all armed with cocked pistols and hand grenades. A few minutes later Liebknecht was shot. It was stated that he attempted to escape. Captain von Pfugk-Hartung fired the first shot. After the deed the automobile was once again in working order. The officers attempted to remove the traces of the crime by delivering Liebknecht's dead body as that of an unknown man.

When Rosa Luxemburg was led thru the main entrance of the hotel, the same Runge, stood at the door. Captain Petri had given the order that Luxemburg should not arrive living at the prison, and Runge struck her twice on the head so that she fell. The sound of the blows was even heard inside the hotel. Lieutenant Vogel, the leader of the escort, did nothing to prevent the attack. Some one bundled Rosa Luxemburg into the car. A man sat to the right and another to the left and with them was Vogel. When the car moved off, a man jumped on it from the back and struck her a further blow on the head with something hard. On the way Lieutenant Vogel shot her thru the head, her body moved convulsively and collapsed. The car sped along between the Landwehr Canal and Zoological Gardens, the streets were empty, but near the canal stood a group of soldiers. The automobile drew up, and the soldiers took the body and threw it into the canal on the order of Vogel.

The society of murderers, on its return, had itself photographed at a drinking booth held the same night.

For weeks nothing was done in the matter. The government left the investigation in the hands of the division to which the murderers belonged. The members of the Workers' Council, Ruseh and Strube, who were afterwards drawn into the investigation, proposed a number of arrests, including especially the escort of Liebknecht, and when these proposals were rejected, they resigned from the commission of enquiry (document of the members of the Central and Executive Council, January 31, 1919).

Runge received false papers from Lieutenant Liepmann and was transferred to another part; then he fled and for some time he could not be found. In the middle of April he was arrested. Lieutenant Vogel was arrested on February 20th and on May 8th a trial before of court martial opened.

Five days before the opening of the trial, Dr. Grabowski and Captain Babst had provided a passport for Lieutenant Vogel. In the results clearly that in both cases the murder had been planned by the officers. And yet, nothing followed. The murderers are at liberty today.

(From "Two Years of Murder," by E. I. Gumbel, New Fatherland Publishing House & Co., Berlin, W. 62.)

Wanted: Books, Books, Books. The executive committee of the Young Communist International is endeavoring to collect, for its work in the Communist children's movement, copies of the various books in use in the schools of all countries.

Come on, comrades! Dig up all your old school textbooks—histories, geographies, and reading books—especially—used by children up to the ages of 10 and 12 years. These books may, of course, be second-hand ones. Line up your small brothers and sisters in this book collection campaign. Send them in at once to the Jr. Section, Young Worker League, 1009 No. State St., Rm. 214, Chicago, Ill.

## On the Job

### Girls Fired for Demanding Better Wages.

North Bethlehem, Pa.

Here in North Bethlehem, the textile bosses are using forcible means to scare the young workers (mostly girls) in this locality. There are several R. K. Laws Silk Weaving Mills in eastern Pennsylvania, the Lehigh Valley is well known as the central textile industry of the east.

So in one of the above said mills there were about 300 workers in all working there several weeks ago. One day the following incident happened. The firm had some bad stock on hand and the boss went and picked on girls who were unsuitable for him, those who were too little to rebel, about 18 of them in all. Then the boss makes the remark that they are to take the bad stock and make good ribbons of them, and all this on starvation (contract) wages from 7 1/2 to 10 cents per yard, besides working 9 hours a day and 8 overtime almost every day. And the machine is in such terrible shape that it is bound to break any moment and spoil the production of the silk ribbons.

Then finally the girls began to demand better wages for a decent living. But the boss could never be found in the office, and one day when he was there and the girls asked him for a raise, he angrily replied to them, "Well, if you girls don't want to work for what you get, then go home and stay the hell home for good."

The above data was given to me by several of these girls. They asked me not to give their names publicly. Fraternally yours, A. HOFFMAN.

### Children Brutally Exploited in Horse Shoe Co.

Cataaugus, Pa.

This town has a population of about 4,000, about 80 per cent of whom are foreigners. The capitalists of this town are brutally exploiting the children of the adult workers in every angle of the industries.

But the fiercest of all is the Bryden Horseshoe Works with about 3 to 400 workers employed there. There are also about 100 school children working there averaging from 9 to 16 years of age, with an average pay of 15 cents an hour at 10 hours a day. Just imagine what they had to work on when they used pinch-tongs to roll bars for horse shoes. The boss makes these children drag the red-hot rolled flat bars, bare hands trembling with fear at burning them. At breathing time they dip their hands in water.

This shows how the Cataaugus capitalists are observing the local school laws for children's education, especially the state child labor laws in general. Cataaugus is a place where children have no protection whatever. Whatever occurs to them at their work they suffer themselves. So you see how much respect is paid to the workers' child in this capitalist system.

### Seek to Deport Radical Youth After Father.

Winnipeg, Canada.

Dear Comrades: I work in a telegraph office situated in the Winnipeg Grain Exchange, where the big pots gamble daily with the farmers' grain. Six months ago, conditions forced my father to cross the line to the states in search of work. But unfortunately the hulls caught him in Minneapolis and took him to jail for what he thought would be three days. But somehow these three days lengthened into 12 weeks on account of them getting wind of him being a dangerous radical. At the end of the 12 weeks, they deported him to the old country putting aside the fact that he had fought for their dirty interests in the Canadian army during the war, which made him a Canadian citizen.

Since then they have tried to deport us but so far we have beaten them to it. The other night when I was coming home from work, a young kid fresh out from the old country asked me for 25 cents to get a meal.

He said he hadn't eaten since the morning of the previous day, but I didn't have a cent, so I guess he had to go hungry. At present we are struggling along on \$40 a month and out of this comes \$15 for rent.

Yours for the emancipation of the working class, Jack Gregg.

### O'Fallon Miners Push League Work.

O'Fallon, Ill.

Dear Comrades: One of the best meetings ever held in O'Fallon was addressed by comrade Barney Mass with real panache. Comrade Mass organized the O'Fallon branch of the Young Workers' League here with 13 charter members and it has now grown to 23. We have leased a hall for regular meetings and have started a reading room and are going to get a real workers' library.

Comrade Walter Warhaver who was responsible for starting the branch is now doing some good active and interesting work among the young workers and is at present time secretary of the branch. He will be glad to communicate with any outside League secretaries.

Some of the young workers are beginning to ask such questions as, by what right does a crowned robber make me work for him? When I bear such questions as those I am not so skeptical about the future. Yours about Communism, A. W. Young.

(Comrade Young writes that he learned to write his name on powder kegs and rocks in the pit of the mine. . . and that it is not often that slaves become writers. Well, if certainly is not necessary to be a writer to write for the Young Worker. We invite letters about conditions on the job from all our young readers.—(Ed.)

## Industrial Notes.

By JOHN WILLIAMSON.

The industrial reports this month, altho fewer in number than last month, prove that our branches are realizing how important to the building of a real mass organization such activity is. The clothing nucleus in Chicago is still in the job and intends staying there because they are organized on the job in a shop nucleus. Several new members have been recruited in the past month and literature has been sold and distributed in the shop. A starker campaign was carried on and altho no immediate benefits resulted, the experience gained will stand in good stead in future work. Union elections are the important issue among the needle trades this month and our nucleus members are, of course, interested.

The clothing nucleus will not exist as "the one and only" in Chicago much longer as several other nuclei are expected to be definitely working in a few weeks. The experience gained in each new attempt will help other comrades as the shop units keep rolling in. The few mistakes that some critics might be prone to throw at our clothing nucleus were to be expected. Nevertheless they have the honor of breaking the ice and they intend to live up to their reputation not only as the first nucleus in the United States but as the most active nucleus in the United States. The powerful Western Electric Co., where thousands upon thousands of young workers slava for a few dollars a week, is soon to be the center of Young Workers League activity, according to reports from the Industrial Organizer.

Comrade Buckley, Chicago's Industrial Organizer, writes "that within three months there will be at least six functioning nuclei in Chicago."

Our miners' nucleus is having a little difficulty but expects soon to report some real accomplishments. Reports come from Providence, R. I., that we may soon expect a live nucleus there. Let all other New England cities take notice and send in their industrial reports. Among the miners of Pennsylvania our members are particularly active in the Miners' Union and are carrying on the campaign to eliminate the bosses' friends, Lewis & Co. in one place in particular many of the officials of the local unions and the Central Labor Council are either sympathetic or have already joined the Young Workers League. This is the real kind of union work to carry on. All members should follow this example and see that at no meeting of their union are they absent. Every member of the Young Workers League must be a union member and not only a "rank member" but an active unit of the organization.

Providence Struggles in Another. The comrades in Providence, R. I., are to be congratulated. Due to the persistent efforts of a single comrade, a nucleus was formed in an upholder's shop consisting of three members and it was a nucleus indeed for it soon gathered around itself the shop had been fruitful in the creation of a Russia-Jewish branch of the young workers who cannot yet speak English well. Wages are pretty low, some as miserable as \$7 a week and the hours are 48 per week. The nucleus is working to get the following of the majority of the workers in the shop, have them join the union, and then put forth their demands for higher wages and less hours of slavery. We are sure that the Providence nucleus will be a very successful one for the comrades have shown their ability and understanding. There is no doubt, also, that as soon as the comrades speaking Russian and Jewish are able to understand the English spoken by the others, they will join together organically and form a "united front" nucleus that will keep the master on the run.

Industrial Preparation in the Young Workers League.

During the past two weeks new Industrial Registration Cards and Compilation sheets have been sent to every unit of our organization in accordance with a decision of the National Executive Committee. The importance of this act is stressed in the last Industrial Bulletin. If you are one of those who have not yet filled in the Registration Card do so immediately as all Compilation Sheets must be in the National Office no later than Jan. 15th.

### Asks Minimum Wage for Boys in Industry.

VICTORIA, B. C., Canada.—H. H. Neelands, labor member for South Vancouver, speaking in the Legislature of Victoria, asked for a minimum wage for boys employed in industry.

"We find," said Neelands, that certain employers are engaging boys to do work that is ordinarily done by women and girls, at less than the minimum wage for women. This gives rise to the necessity of making provision for a minimum wage for boys, when I trust the government will take steps to bring about."

This is another example of the necessity for the labor movement of American adopting the program of the Young Workers League which calls for an organized campaign for the organization of the young workers into the trade unions so that they will not be used to break down the standards of the adult workers, whose places in industry they are rapidly taking.

throwing of the speakers bodily into their air until their heads swim, was very extensively employed. After the meeting the entire audience marched thru the city to the Workers' Club, where further speeches, making and justification prevailed. Two thoughts characterized most of the Russian speeches—gratitude for the help rendered by the international proletariat and the wish that this banner might soon be carried thru a successful German revolution.

enemy, hunger; he will cultivate his appetite, which will be the merchandise sought by the millionaire, always in quest of that sovereign good, which Greek philosophy never could discover. What a resource the poor will then have—as for me, I know the useful art of having what I eat digested by another; I shall not reveal that secret until on my death-bed."

"You are joking?" "No, my friend, to have digested by another the meats that my stomach takes in is the last analysis neither more wonderful nor more incomprehensible than to have executed at London or at New York, thanks to the telegraph, the thought that my brain conceived, and at the instant it conceives it. I am so far from joking that here are two thousand francs for the first month."

Reh— and Desbouches proceeded to the office of M. Galarin, who drew up a paper, scrupulously worded, which the two contracting parties signed and sealed. Emile Desbouches sold for five years his appetite in consideration of two thousand francs a month, which Reh— was to pay him in advance. When the contract was signed, Emile took a drink, which plunged him into a deep slumber. He awoke to find himself at a restaurant table sitting in front of two beer schooners and a plump girl, who was laughing foolishly that she might show her pretty teeth. He thought he was dreaming; he felt of himself, pinched himself; he rattled in his pocket the pieces of gold he had just received; he was no longer hungry! It had really happened. Only the devil knows where he finished the evening so strangely begun.

(To be continued)

## The Flag of Youth

By WILLIAM F. KLINE.

When the scourge of famine swept the Volga valley the youth of the land were among the keenest sufferers. The years of youth are growing years, when a definite and regular supply of food is indispensable to the developing young body. The call of the suffering youth was at once heard by the workers of the world, and particularly the youthful workers of other land exerted great energy in saving their Russian comrades.

The German youth was very active in collecting relief in the campaign of the International Workers' Relief, and now that it too is suffering the



Young Communists Parading in Front of Kazan University, From Which Lenin Was Once Expelled For Revolutionary Activity.

Russian youth is quick to show its gratitude. All over Russia workers are contributing out of their own meagre funds for food for the German women and children, and every possible means is used to send help and encouragement to their German comrades.

An interesting example of this expression of international solidarity was seen recently in Kazan where the youth organization, the Komsozol, dedicated a banner as a gift of grati-

tude and encouragement to the German Communist youth.

The dedication ceremony took place in the Kazan University, one of the oldest and most famous of Russia's higher schools—where Lenin himself attended in his revolutionary student years. Speakers who were themselves members of the German, Hungarian and American young movements addressed the assembly. Tremendous enthusiasm prevailed and the strenuous Russian method of showing appreciation, "kashite," the

Auguste Comte, is the century of altruism; never, in fact, at any other epoch, has there been such a complete understanding of how to make use of man by the capitalist in the perfection that the most persons qualities, those most inherent in the individual, have been utilized to the profit of another. For the defense of his property the capitalist no longer depends on his own courage, but upon that of certain proletarians disguised as soldiers; the banker consumes the honesty of his cashier, and the manufacturer the vital force of his workmen, as the debauchee uses the weakness of the Venetian. Nevertheless, two faculties have as yet escaped our capitalist altruism, the child-bearing faculty of woman and the digestive faculty; no one has yet been able to transform them into goods that can be bought and sold, as are already the innocence of the virgin, the sanctity of the priest, the conscience of the legislator, the brilliancy of the writer and the intelligence of the chemist. The man who shall work that miracle will be greater than Charlemagne and wiser than Newton; he will be the most beneficent of the benefactors of the world. Then the rich woman will no longer deform her figure by carrying in her abdomen, through long and painful months, the fruit of her womb; she will deposit her fertilized ovum in the womb of a poor woman, and during the nine months that the one who has sold her womb shall be fattening with the blood of her flesh the fetus of the capitalist's wife, she will have a respite from her poverty; for the first time she will rest herself, eating and drinking to her heart's content. The poor man will no longer have to dread his terrible

## The Sale of an Appetite

By PAUL LAFARGUE.

(Continued from last issue.)

Keep them for a better occasion; as I am neither a philanthropic free-thinker nor a charitable Christian, I have nothing to do with your gratitude. You have appeased your belly and treasured your ears, now listen to me: When you were gazing at the window display of the restaurant with looks burning, enough to melt the fat on the hams, I said to myself with envy: If I only possessed such an appetite! Gold, of which I have more than a Jew, procures pleasures of the intelligence and the senses, but I despise them; appetite is above intelligence, above love. I live only by the belly and for the belly. I enjoy only when I eat or when I drink; the rest is vanity. I am Ech—, that will inform you that my fortune is stupendous; I do not know the number of my millions; at the age of thirty-two I was a coal and railroad king. I can intoxicate myself with the kisses of love and the fumes of opium; I can rather all the joys of earth, but I despise them all, all, undisturbed, I would give all the pleasures that men pursue for one of the dinners of my chief cook, the ingenious and scientific chemist, the only man whom I love and esteem. If Solomon, whom Jehovah touched with wisdom, grew weary of men and of God and satiated with the realities of life and the dreams of his intellect until he exclaimed, "All is vanity," it is because he had only exhausted the pleasures of love, the joys of reason and the satisfaction

of absolute rule, while he was ignorant of the supreme delights of the table. What is love? A miserable and feeble pleasure; it has scarcely begun, when it is shattered by ennui—ended. Compared with the joys of the stomach seem eternal; they last delicious hours. The common herd have been wiser than Solomon; all nations, the African negro as well as the yellow man of China, have taken as visible sign of social superiority the expanded belly, the belly enormous and round like the globe. The capitalist bourgeoisie, the class which rules the world, the class of which I am one of the high and mighty representatives, has disembodied itself of all intellectual and manual labor to devote itself to the exclusive development of the belly, to create the race of Ventripotents. Do you know what is the most remarkable fact of this century-end, the fact which best characterizes our epoch? It is neither the discovery of dynamite, nor the invention of dynamite, nor the defeat of Sedan; it is that little medal struck by order of the artists, the men of letter, the journalists, the philosophers, the scientists, the fine flower of the intellectual and refined bourgeoisie, to remind the coming centuries that within Paris all beings, bombarded, blood-splattered, sieged, battered with fever and crying with hunger, they, as usual, ate well and drank well; what sublime unanimity of soul have been theirs to rise thus above the miasmas and pains which surround them, that they might fulfill with serenity and freedom of

apprit the first and most important of human functions.

"The Hindus, those masters of abstract metaphysics, arrive at the most mystical ecstasy thru contemplating the navel, the central point of the human belly. The belly is the true God of humanity; it is for its satisfaction alone that men play the earth and sail the seas. The belly is the spring of human actions always stretched and never broken, it is to gorge it that men transport and bring together in great capitals the products of all climes; its needs and its appetites, numerous, voracious and ever renewed, unite in brotherhood the peoples of the universe. Devil take me, I believe I am making a speech. This subject always lifts me into the ideal. Let us return to earth. Ah! what a sorry animal is man! How imperfect, how inferior to the other beasts of the earth; nature has behaved toward him like a step-mother; she has neither given him the admirable guttier of the pig, nor the long and slowly the fragrance of wines, nor the hot and insatiable stomach of the duck, to digest always without wearying; she has treated this pretended king of creation more harshly than the intestinal worms, the toadies, those three-happy beings which bathe themselves in their nourishing fluid, drinking it in thru all their pores and always! Man's stomach is limited, wretchedly limited, and to cap the climax, we have eyes larger than our belly. But if my stomach shares the weakness of humanity, I can at least extend and reinforce its power by buying the appetite of another, just as my brother capitalists buy virtue and the conscience of their fellow men. I propose, then, that you sell me your digestive power, as my laborers sell me their muscular

powers, my engineers their intellectual powers, my cashiers their honesty and the nurses who care for my children their milk and their maternal cares."

"Is it possible?" "Perfectly so. You produce and furnish the appetite, I will eat and drink for you and you will be satisfied. The moralists, who are untoward and melancholy bipeds, teach solemnly the contempt of what they call disadfully the pleasures of the flesh; you are young and simple enough to indulge such scruples. Sell me your appetite, which condemns you to labor and poverty, and you shall have money to pay for the pleasures of which you are now deprived. I will allow you a monthly income of 1,500 francs."

"But—"

"No but! you don't think that is enough? Call it two thousand. Consider that if you reject my offer, you will not know where to sleep this evening or where to get your breakfast tomorrow, and if you agree to the bargain the pretty girls of the boulevard will welcome you to their beds."

Emile's eyes sparkled.

"Two thousand francs! two thousand francs a month, that suits me. What must I do?"

"Sign a contract before a notary. Don't look at me that way; I am just Satan, what the devil! I am just an ordinary mortal, like you. But no living being possesses my power; my science surpasses that of other men. Not all the power of Napoleon I, nor all the science of Darwin gave them the ability to dine twice a day; I possess this mysterious and precious faculty. The nineteenth century, as was declared by the great philosopher of the bourgeoisie,



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## International Liebknecht Day

Five years ago, on January 15, 1919, Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg were foully murdered by the military henchmen of the socialist leaders of Germany.

Since then, every year marks a special day in the history of the young communist movement for demonstrations on that anniversary. Liebknecht was a direct comrade of the revolutionary youth and it was to them that he first appealed in an effort to get the German workers to rise against the imperialistic slaughter which was covering Europe with workers' blood. Before the war, too, he had been very active in organizing, speaking and writing for the revolutionary youth movement.

This year, the Young Communist International has set aside the 20th of January for the celebration of International Liebknecht Day. All over the world this day will be celebrated by the class conscious workers, young and old, in honor of the brave working class leader, Karl Liebknecht. In the United States the demonstrations are under the direction of the Young Workers League of America, and meetings are being held in all the cities where there is a league branch.

Other parts of this issue contain accounts of the significance of this historic day. Let us here say but one thing.

Liebknecht died at the height of his fighting career. He was in the midst of a revolutionary crisis and was captured and ignominiously murdered by a vile gang of beer-swilling officers. Liebknecht and Luxemburg died for the cause of the revolutionary working class. He gave all that was in him for the workers' fight and his life was taken from him. He realized full well the dangers that menaced him when he stood up almost alone and defied the reactionary monsters who surrounded him from all sides, and yet he did not flinch for a moment. He "carried on."

Liebknecht and Luxemburg fought not for personal glory or gain, but to erase from the book of history the black stain which capitalism was spreading there. They fought for light against the darkness of reaction. They wanted the abolition of the poverty and misery and toil and bloody wars which were the lot only of the workers. They fought it by the side of the workers against the blackest forces in history. They stood up unyieldingly when "cowards flinched and traitors sneered."

On this day, when we review our condition and survey our tasks for the future in the light of our past experience, let us firmly resolve to bear the red flag on to the goal without hesitation or doubts. Let us pledge ourselves once more to the great cause for which Liebknecht and Luxemburg and thousands of other noble proletarian fighters have given their lives. We shall march on, united and growing ever stronger, until the day when the working class shall have emancipated itself from the thrall of capitalism and ushered in the new society, communism!

## On With the Investigations!

The State Department of Public Instruction in Michigan announces that he intends to carry out a complete investigation into the truth of the charges made by the National Child Labor Committee that children under the age of six were being viciously exploited in the beet fields of that state. After a report is made on the results of that investigation, some other satrap will probably deny the truth of the charges once more and make another investigation.

And so, while the children of the workers continue to slave under the burning sun of Michigan fields and in many other states, the governmental officials and the reformers will continue to make their investigations and bring their petitions. The Young Workers League of America is out to organize these terribly exploited children so that they themselves with the help of the young and adult workers of this country can put up a fight against their exploitation. The Young Workers League is not a benevolent organization which, with tears in its eyes, makes investigations about the horrible conditions of the children. There have been too many investigations already, and we know too well what the conditions of the workers, young and old, are in this country. The Young Workers League calls upon the young workers of America to join its ranks and fight for better conditions of labor and for their eventual emancipation from the yoke of capitalist exploitation.

Don't stand aside! Join the ranks of the fighting revolutionary, class-conscious young workers of this country and get into the struggle against the masters until they and their miserable system is wiped forever off the face of the earth!

## They are Not All Free Yet!

With a big flourish of trumpets, the remaining federal prisoners in American jails were released by order of President Coolidge. This belated act of justice will be greeted with joy by the workers who appreciated the fight which these prisoners put up for the rights of their fellow workers during a period when it wasn't very healthy to stand up for anyone's rights but those of your boss. But the release is belated. More, the men should never have been put into the hideous dungeons of the racially collection of bootleggers and imbeciles that rule this country.

These workers were jailed for standing by their class. They were clapped into jail because of alleged opposition to the war. Not a single protester went to jail, however, in spite of the untold violations of laws passed during war and peace time. Even today, when it was discovered that Forbes, director of the Veterans' Bureau, was using his high office to help his political and financial friends to pluck ripe melons of graft from the business of "rehabilitating the returned heroes," it remained a discovery and nothing has yet been done about it.

But it is different with the workers. Let one of them but entertain the awful notion that things are not quite as correct as they might be, then he is considered a menace to the good and welfare of this government, guilty of almost everything with the possible exception of forgery and mayhem and a logical candidate for a cell in a federal penitentiary.

This much-heralded release of political prisoners has not turned out to be quite so nice as it was cracked up to be. There are still scores of class war victims in the prisons of this country. Sentenced under state laws, it gives the president a good excuse as to his inability to do anything about the case. These workers are now distributed all over the country, as far east as Pittsburgh and west to California.

There are dozens of members of the I. W. W. in the prisons of California, Washington, Idaho, Kansas and elsewhere. Communists are the sufferers in New York, Michigan and Pennsylvania. Numerous other workers without political affiliations are left to spend their last years in the poisonous air of the pen. Ford, Suhr, Mooney, Billings, Dolla and countless other soldiers of the class struggle are still in prison.

There must be no further convictions must be released! There must be no further conviction of workers who stand by their class! If you are a worker it is your duty to stand by the side of those who are fighting for you and with you. Send donations to the Labor Defense Council, which is handling the Michigan communist cases; the National Defense Committee, which takes care of communist cases all over the country; and the General Defense Committee, which does the work for the Industrial Workers of the World.

Out with all the prisoners of the hog-jowled bosses of this country! Don't rest until the last political prisoner has been released from the dungeons of the capitalists and has again taken his place in the ranks of the movement for the emancipation of the working class!

### "HOW CUD YU?"

Jack Carney, recently returned from Ireland after a sojourn with his fellow countrymen, is responsible for this one:

In the recent British general elections, Lloyd George was expatiating at his usual length and with his usual beery eloquence. He was coming to the point about the late World War, and said something about "the fruits of victory." No sooner had the phrase slipped from his lovely, whiskered lips, than a rebel in the audience sang out, "Yes, we have no bananas!"

## The New Attack on Russia

By MARSH.

Samuel Gompers, the evil spirit of the American labor movement, has made public a manifesto alleged to have been issued by the Russian Social Democratic Party (Mensheviks), which appeals to the international working class, students, intellectuals to protest against the horrible Bolsheviki and their nasty habit of flooding the Sunday school socialists with "waves of brutality" until they stand shivering before the world, tears in their innocent eyes.

The manifesto charges that hundreds of socialists have been jailed, exiled to Siberia, shot and what not merely because of "our peaceful work of political enlightenment, because of our endeavors to rally together the proletariat, laboring masses." Wicked, naughty bolsheviks! Sweet, hypocritical, lying mensheviks!

The original manifesto was first published in the vilest rag that ever polluted the journalistic air of this country, the Jewish Forward, Abe Cahan's organ of juicy bedroom scandals, political chicanery, brazenly lying reports about radicals, here and elsewhere, and a paper which for lack of principle in any question has the unenviable distinction of not having a worthy rival in the field. The manifesto showed such a vastly greater intimacy with American persons and conditions than it did of Russian—and it is said to have been written in Moscow—that it has suspicious earmarks of having been written in an office nearer the Woolworth Building than the Kremlin.

However, our dear sir and brother Samuel Gompers, took it up with all the glee of a doddering old ass with a new toy. He published it prominently in the American Federationist, official organ of the A. F. of L. (read: personal organ of Samuel) and had it broadcasted by his press service to all labor papers. With noble tears in his bleary old eyes he points to the manifesto as another convincing example of bolshevik barbarity. "It is a protest," he writes, "not in the name of 25 so-called political prisoners, such as are still imprisoned in the United States, but of 60,000 working people, largely socialists and laborers!"

Terrible, no? This newly-discovered tenderness that Gompers has for the Russian masses, and especially for socialists—socialists in Russia, you understand, not here. Here he has for socialists only the contempt that anyone would have for a bootlicking tool that comes in handy in the fight against the real militants, the Communists.

The alleged manifesto of the mensheviks is filled with the most inconceivable mass of unfounded insinuations and direct lies. No names are mentioned, there are only implications and generalities which have no basis in fact. The document is a revamping of the stew which the labor fakirs of the world have tried to shove down the throats of the workers with the cooperation of the counterrevolutionary mensheviks and social revolutionaries. The same lies have been refuted time and time again not only by communists but even by honest bourgeois investigators and journalists.

Wm. P. Kruse, who recently returned from Russia after a trip in the interest of the motion picture work of the Friends of Soviet Russia, writes in the January number of The Liberator about this new shameless attack upon the workers' republic.

"At the present time there is no political oppression in Russia. None is needed. No nation on earth could wage a successful war of invasion against her—thanks to the Red Army with its and the revolutionary labor elements without. And no force conceivable among the discredited, disintegrating Tsarist and 'democratic' elements either in Russia or in foreign capitals can hope to dislodge the present government from within—thanks to the whole-hearted support won by Bolshevik policies in practice among both city workers and peasants. Russia today has a supremely efficient and powerful proletarian state apparatus backed by the almost unanimous consent of the nation's working masses. This consent is built and maintained upon the solid foundation of service to the masses."

"The Communists' tactics in maintaining mass support is positive—not negative. That is the real reason for their holding power to this day. The Social-Democrats complain that 'all kinds of expositions and fairs are humming noisily'—that is their characterization of the great Agricultural Exposition to which two hundred thousand peasants and workers, elected in village and factory, were taken to Moscow at the expense of the government, there shown the real accomplishments of the present government and thoroughly impregnated with the idea of the unity of interest between worker and peasant and soldier, between the capital city and the provinces, between all the sixty-five peoples that together make up the Russian nation. A State with such propaganda means at its disposal and such breadth of vision in their use need not and does not 'murder and massacre.' Its futile opponents are charged in this hysterical and unsupported manifesto."

But there is no need to quote further from the excellent answer to the calumnies of these insects. They are beyond redemption so far as the working class is concerned. Sold souls, they will continue to fight with all their remaining strength against the wave of progress which is rising against them and their activities in the past. Both Gompers and his socialist allies are due for an upheaval which will land them on the equivalent in social and political life of the garbage can in domestic life.

They are living in the false security created by them in their continual parrotings of the phrases of counterrevolution: that the communists are weak and amount to nothing in this country; that the soviet government is ruled by savages and is always on the point of falling; and that the United States government, the most autocratic in the world so far as the workers are concerned, is the most beautiful blossom in the democratic flower.

As comrade Kruse says in his article: "Meanwhile Gompers and Cahan take comfort in this manifesto. It should give them small joy to be told that their own is not the only kind of 'labor' dictatorship that exists in the world. In Russia we have the first example of a dictatorship for labor and by labor—among Nam's newspaper boys we see a vest-pocket edition of the dictatorship against labor that drowned out in blood the efforts of the German, Hungarian, Finnish and Italian workers for self-government. The American workers will have something to say about the form they prefer, and on the facts are before them we need have no fear that they will react any differently from the Russian workers for the Soviet government and against its reactionary tradecraft."

Didn't Paul Lafargue speak a mouthful when he wrote: "Wealth is the result of labor and the reward of idleness?"

My voice is raised  
For Jimmy Shirkier,  
He won't subscribe  
To "The Young Worker."

## A Relief Diet-Exploitation

By EDGAR HART.

Twenty thousand children and young people taken from their homes in the interior of Turkey by the American Near East Relief are being exploited and trained as wage slaves in true American style.

The reactionary Near East Relief brags that entire towns are being built and manned by these unfortunate child victims of the World War.

Greece and Syria are co-operating with the American relief organization in placing the children in suitable places for their exploitation. The Greek government has turned over several acres of land on the Island of Syros for this purpose. In these places the children perform all the work necessary for their maintenance, even doing the major portion of the work in constructing their homes. Besides making their living at the present time, the children are given "industrial training."

Near Athens, Greece, American capital is being used for the exploitation of these children as well as other Near East refugees.

It is expected that these operations will be extended on a large scale and that the infamous American Institution, child labor, will be introduced by the so-called relief organizations.

Whenever you hear a man dissuading you from attempting to do well on the ground that perfection is "Utopian," beware of that man—Ruskin.

Please nominate  
Patricia Randall,  
She simply "loves"  
All party deals.

## Junior League News

Marshall Junior League Fight.  
The young comrades of the Marshall Junior League, Chicago, are fighting the case of one of their comrades who is charged with undisciplined action in his class room at the Clark School, Chicago. The following leaflet is being distributed by our young fighters.

Protest Meeting.  
One of your fellow schoolmates is being sent to the Foster School (semi-parental school). Neither he nor his mother have been given chance to defend themselves. Come and hear about it. Let's all fight the battle of our fellow school mate! We must all stick together! Down with teachers who do not understand children! Down with unjust punishment! Come one! Come all to the meeting.

### Medill High School Nucleus Fights For Immediate Demands.

The Y. W. L. nucleus in the Medill High School, Chicago, is increasing its membership every week. The main reason for this is its continual struggle for live demands within the school. In the latest bulletin pasted by the members on all bulletin boards and walls in the school appear the following:

1. We demand at least 10 minutes between each period in the school.
2. We demand one hour for lunch.
3. We demand an individual locker for every member in the school.
4. We demand that every case of tardiness and the punishment therefor be acted upon by a students' committee, to be elected by the students as follows:

5 delegates from the freshmen.

5 delegates from the Juniors.

5 delegates from the Sophomores.

5 delegates from the Seniors.

5. We demand sanitary conditions in the school lunch room. Send your unsigned protest letters into the principal. Rally round our slogans.

MEDILL HIGH SCHOOL NUCLEUS OF Y. W. L.

## Texan Toreadors

Frightened by resolutions adopted by Parker County, Texas, residents condemning Baylor University for teaching the theory of evolution, President Dr. S. P. Brooks issued a lengthy statement protesting and denying that any such heretical thoughts had ever been allowed to enter the minds of that part of the youth of Texas which is unfortunate enough to attend Baylor.

In his long statement he frantically denied that anything had been taught in Baylor which would tend to maintain the belief of the young students "in such scriptural age-old and central teachings of our Baptist fathers as the absolute and universal fall of man, the virgin birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, His atoning death on Calvary for sinners, the imperative necessity for the new birth, the literal and triumphant resurrection of Jesus from the dead and the glorious fact of His coming again."

The youth of Texas is saved from eternal damnation! It yet remains true that God made a mud statue out of Adam and then tore out a rib to make Eve. It is yet an incontrovertible fact that Jesus was born out of a pure, virgin and solitary visit of the Holy Ghost to the Virgin Mary. The religious opium will continue to be smoked by Texas youth, as to prepare them to be pious slaves or equally pious masters of slaves, and the evils of Lamarck, Wallace, Darwin, Huxley and other infidels will be damned to a hissing hell.

Is it to be wondered at that Texas is one of our most illiterate states, the illiteracy spreading even into its highest circles? In connection with the religious and intellectual purity of the citizens of the Lone Star state, it is interesting to remember a resolution which was passed some time ago in the state legislature, by, if we remember rightly, an almost unanimous vote. The learned members of Texas' highest ruling body voted to invite before them "Huxley, Paley, Darwin, Huxley and other infidels to sing them some of his selections."

We'll take a guess that a large percentage of the members of the legislature were turned out by Baylor College or some similarly noble product of Texas!

### Kept Koo Koo Kause Committee Considerable Confusion.

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—The circulation of a printed circular explaining the aims and principles of the Ku Klux Klan, in at least one of the public schools of this city was the cause of much flurry in political circles. The mayor of the city immediately sent a letter to the president of the school committee demanding an investigation of the matter, which had been brought to his attention a few days ago.

### Women Turn Down Youth Military Training Camps Appeal.

DETROIT.—By a vote of 600 to 6 the delegates to the Michigan Federation of Women's Clubs, in convention here, turned down a resolution deploring the fact that boys in this state had failed to attend the summer training camp at Camp Custer, and calling upon the women's clubs to use their influence to fill the quota next year. In spite of the feverish efforts of the capitalist militarists to get young workers to come to the camp last year, with all sorts of inducements, such as free transportation, board, etc., they refused to turn out and be trained to fight the approaching wars of the bosses and probably be used to turn their guns on striking workers, as is done by State militia and national troops whenever a strike of the workers threatens the profits of the bosses in the slightest way.

We are fighting for you and you should join in.



A news item declares the late Baron Rothschild had the finest collection of fleas in the world. We have often heard that these old millionaires go bad—and worse—until they finally "get bugs."

Wild, Wild Women.  
In Chicago the most active shop nucleus is composed entirely of girls. The female of the species is certainly more deadly than the male. —NAT.

Particular Party Poets.  
A. P. P. P.  
Is George McBurn  
He only moves  
That we adjourn.  
—Aphelias Mayhew.

"Two Men and A Pig Pinched; Pig Is Not Free."—Headline. This should disprove, once and for all, the lying statement that workers are treated "like pigs."

The Chicago Nipple Manufacturing Company has declared an extra dividend of twenty-five cents a share on its clean A stock.—Financial Reporter.  
The success of this firm proves that Margaret Ranger has failed in opposing our campaign for a mass children's organization.

Chalk up this post  
Miss Larry Keating  
She often likes  
To miss a meeting.  
—Anastasia.

Gary's Godly Gospel.  
With an air of benignity Judge U. S. Steel Gary comments on the unprecedented prosperity of American workmen. Simultaneously, the U. S. Children's Bureau finds that "less than half of 1 per cent of the children examined in Gary, Ind., obtain sufficient food."—The Cleveland Press.

Red Says: "It seems the presidential candidates are trying to build up their political fences from the timber in the various blocs."

Immortalize  
This post McKittie  
She hates to work  
On a committee.  
—Vera Reid.

The treasury of the Chinese government is empty.— And we used to think the Chinese were not a modern nation.

Secretary Weeks is reported ill with a severe cold. Probably contracted in Bialax the draft for the next war.

"Brick Layer" writes us for an explanation of the headline "Women in Black Veils Now Pope Confer Red Hats." He thought reference to the Red Hat was a sign of our increasing influence.

We warn "Brick Layer" not to be optimistic. If he had read the news account under this headline he would have learned that when the Pope conferred the Red Hats, he himself wore a red cape. But— he also wore "the miter of the golden fleece."

J. B. McNutt  
This bird please mention,  
He raises hell  
In a convention.

A peculiar fact is that in any labor issue, it is the left wing that does not want to be left.

The National Industrial Conference Board makes public the increase in the price of food and rent—while gas is cheaper. The cheapness of gas is easily explained. The presidential campaign is on.

In the presidential race there is much talk of political dark horses. Our idea of a political dark horse seems to be a candidate who has no chance but is such a jackass that naturally he can't say "Nag."

A capitalist cut-up says: "The greatest freedom a man can enjoy is that of putting his hands in his pockets." Wherein lies the pleasure if he finds nothing in it? —J. W. B.

Start the new year right—With a subscription to THE YOUNG WORKER.

"Churches Offer Fine Music On Christmas"—News Headline. "Shucks!—It's the same old tune we have in this column." "Contribute! Contribute!—For God's Sake, Contribute!" —Walt Carmon.

## Alas, the Starving Russians!

Miss Most Frenzied and Ridiculous Excellency, Count Stefan Kolonna Walski, who boasts a descent from one of the noblest families of the nobility of Czarist Russia, is out of English governesses; he is an "extra" in a New York playhouse at \$2 a day.

Her Exalted and Highly Unimportant Ladyship, Countess Vera Ruba, whose beauty was a toast to the cavaliers of the gay and juicy days of the salacious fakir Rasputin and the wife of Nicholas II, and at whose quiver of an eyelid the assistant butler would be exiled to Siberia, now jumps to the tune of a megaphone at whose end yelps an exasperated movie director. Two dollars a day.

His Bewildered and Useless Lordship Prince Vladimir Volotsky, who, it is whispered, was the third assistant chamberlain of the Czar himself, now manages to decrease a New York theatrical production payroll by \$2 a day.

And the same may be said of General Prince Wasily Nikoloff, Prince Nikolai Glowacki and dozens upon dozens of other such useless filth.

The Cleveland Press bemoans the fact that these ex-nobles are now forced to do some actual work. This flunky rag writes thus:

"Tragically stalks hand in hand with gait along the Great White Way. Perhaps the most tragic of all is the fate of Russian refugees who in great numbers have sought a refuge in New York from proletarian despots who now rule their native land."

Poor nobles! Think of it! They are actually obliged to stoop to the vulgarity and shame of work! Ah, these proletarian despots who stop at nothing!

The Cleveland Press says not a word about the history of the Russian nobility. Did that sheet ever become indignant over any of the multitudes of crimes which were committed by the Czar and his royal court? Does it mention that these nobles were a part of a government which shot down hundreds of workers and peasants who asked for the slightest guarantee of human life and freedom? Does the Cleveland Press remember the exile to Siberia? or the massacres of the Jews? or the rest of the bloody history of their dear aristocrats whose boots they now lick so assiduously?

Terrible proletarian despots! Some day when we are governed by our own "proletarian despots" we will bring about a condition of things where little children shall not be obliged to slave away under the suns of Michigan and Alabama, in the mills of Paterson and South Carolina and in the hundreds of other infernos where child workers are being crushed so that the profits of capital may increase and flourish. And who knows? Instead of the little children slaving away, we may put our own "aristocracy" to work at, say, street cleaning or window washing. Instead of letting them roam around gauding expensive hootch, wearing lavender socks and adorning each other's wives. Or may be we will put them on exhibition in the state museum!